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USIA FOR IAA PROGRAM DIRECTOR BARRETT REED AND ICS/T BETTY TASKA

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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR NON PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

REF: A. USIA 11396 CIRCULAR B. BANGUI OM TO USIA, SEPTEMBER 2

1. REQUEST REPLY EMBASSY'S MEMORANDUM OF SEPTEMBER 2 CONCERNING
HIRING OF NONPERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTOR TO SUPPLY NEEDED
SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH EMBASSY'S ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE
INSTRUCTION PROGRAM. WE ARE COGNISANT OF TIGHT BUDGETARY
SITUATION AND NEED TO ECONOMIZE BUT PROGRAM BEING HINDERED
BY INSUFFICIENT STAFF AND WITHOUT REQUESTED SERVICES COULD
BE SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED.

2. SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1974 AS VERY MODEST, LOOSELY STRUCTURED
PROGRAM INVOLVING LESS THAN 35 STUDENTS AND TAUGHT ON VOLUNTEER
BASIS BY EMBASSY WIVIES, ADULT ENGLISH PROGRAM HAS DEVELOPED
BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS INTO PROFESSIONAL EFFORT HEADED BY FULL-
TIME PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER AS COORDINATOR, AND SEVERAL
PART-TIME, NON-EMBASSY TEACHERS SKILLED IN USE OF TEFL METHODS.
GOCAR AND ACADEMIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONSE HAS BEEN
ENTHUSIASTIC. ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CURRENT SEMESTER
WHICH TERMINATES NOVEMBER 28 AND MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED OTHER
APPLICANTS TURNED AWAY FOR LACK OF PERSONNEL, LANGUAGE IN-
STRUCTION MATERIALS AND SPACE. WE ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING THE
POSSIBILITY OF ADDING A FURTHER PCV AS ASSOCIATE LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

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IN SEPTEMBER 1976.

3. IN MEANTIME, HOWEVER, WILL HAVE TO ADD NONPERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTOR TO STAFF PARTICULARLY AS WE EXPECT TO EXPAND PROGRAM TO INCLUDE 150 TO 200 PARTICIPANTS WHEN NEW SEMESTER BEGINS EARLY JANUARY IN ORDER TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS. THIS HOWEVER WILL DEPEND ON AGENCY'S AUTHORIZING NON-PERSONAL SERVICES AS OUTLINED IN OUR MEMORANDUM. UPON AUTHORIZATION OF THESE SERVICES, EMBASSY WILL TAKE WHATEVER ACTION REQUIRED TO SECURE FUNDING. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL BE VIA AMENDED BUDGET REQUEST. PLEASE ADVISE PROCEDURE.SWING

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